

# GERMAN FORCES IN COUNTER DRIVE CHECK RUSSIANS

Berlin Reports Resistance of  
Foes' Centre Has Been  
Broken.

## SERETH IS CROSSED BY TROOPS OF CZAR

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

LONDON, June 20.—Simultaneously with the official Austrian admission to the fact that the left wing of Gen. Brusilov's army has crossed the Sereth, driving the Austro-Hungarians before them in the direction of the Carpathians, came a statement by the German War Office announcing that the Teutons have broken the resistance of the Russian centre and are fighting their way forward.

Two-night's official Russian report begins with the statement that "the enemy is furiously counter attacking Gen. Brusilov's armies."

Gen. von Linzinger, who commands the Austro-German forces in Volhynia, has apparently begun a great flanking movement designed to sweep the Russian centre back beyond Lutsk and Dubno and then envelop Brusilov's Bukovina and Galician armies. The crossing of the Sereth, lengthening as it does the Russian lines of communication still further, is believed to add to the peril in which the Russian right wing finds itself.

The next twenty-four hours are looked for by military critics to decide whether the new Russian offensive has sufficient driving power to beat back the Teutons in Volhynia beyond Kovel or whether German strategy and reinforcements have once more saved the Austrians from a decisive defeat.

If the counter movement by Gen. von Linzinger, which Berlin says is "going forward," continues, the Russian army in the south must automatically be brought to a standstill by Gen. Brusilov's army, comprising the youngest and freshest effective of the Czar's soldiers, to inevitable envelopment.

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Russians Take 1,216 Prisoners.

The Russian War Office statement follows:

The King of England, the first to learn of our victories, has telegraphed the Czar congratulations couched in exceptionally warm and cordial terms. In several sectors of the front occupied by the armies under Gen. Brusilov the enemy continues to make desperate counter attacks.

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were dropped on railway buildings at Wilkies.

Army Group of Prince Leopold.—Our armies renewed their attacks on the railway line near Lunin.

Army Group of Gen. von Linzinger.—Strong Russian attacks against our position on the canal southeast of Logichin broke down under our curtain of fire with heavy losses for the enemy. Continuous efforts directed by the enemy against our line of the Str and to the west of Kovel were unsuccessful, generally speaking. The fighting was especially severe near Gruziatyn. Between the Kovel-Lutsk railroad and the Turia River, our troops at various points broke down the enemy's resistance, which was especially stubborn near Kselin. Our troops are fighting their way forward. Attacks by the enemy south of the Turia were repulsed. The Russians did not continue their advance in the direction of Gorochow.

The position of the forces of Gen. von Bohmer is unchanged.

## ITALIANS REPULSE ATTACKS

Alpine Troops Capture 200 Austrians in Salago Sector.

Rome, June 20.—The Italian War Office issued today the following report:

On June 18 we repulsed small attacks by the enemy at the head of Genoa Valley, at Sarca, above Daone, on the Chiese, and in the direction of Monte Ciove, in the Posina Valley.

Yesterday there was lively fighting on Sette Comuni Plateau, north and northwest of Asiago, but the difficulties of our progress were increased by violent thunderstorms. The enemy attempted to hold up our advance by repeated counter attacks, all of which were defeated. Our Alpine troops on the right captured some 200 men.

In the Upper Boite during the night of June 18 the enemy attacked our new positions several times, but was driven off with losses. Our heavy artillery bombarded the railway station at Toblach and the Landro road in the Rienz Valley.

In Carina and on the Isongo there were artillery engagements.

## Portugal Pats Clocks Forward.

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# FRENCH HALT THREE ATTACKS ON MEUSE

Night Assaults Near Hill 321  
Are Checked by Fire  
Curtain.

## VAUX AGAIN BOMBARDED

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun.

PARIS, June 20.—A fierce bombardment of the French positions in the Vaux sector, begun yesterday, was continued without cessation today.

Three German attacks on the French positions northwest of Hill 321, on the right bank of the Meuse, were repulsed last night by machine gun and curtain fire.

With the exception of the bombardment in the sector of Fort Vaux there was little activity on the French front today.

The official French statement issued this afternoon is as follows:

On the right bank of the Meuse German forces delivered three attacks last night upon our positions to the northwest of Hill 321, but all their efforts were broken by the activity of our machine guns and our curtains of fire.

The bombardment has been intense in the region of the woods of Vaux and Chapelle and in the sector of Chantonnay, on the left bank of the river.

In the Vosges a surprise attack of the enemy upon an advanced sap in the region of Michelbach, to the south of Thann, resulted in failure.

The official report issued to-night is as follows:

Nothing of importance has been reported on the entire front beyond a lively artillery duel in the region south of Fort Vaux.

The official report issued by the Belgian War Office is as follows:

Artillery activity and bomb throwing took place in the region of Steen-

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# LOOS FIGHT RENEWED.

British Report Mine Warfare—Occupy a Crater.

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LONDON, June 20.—The Loos sector of the British front has been subjected to a heavy bombardment and considerable mining activity has taken place there during the past twenty-four hours, according to the official British statement from British headquarters in France.

The statement is as follows:

The principal feature today was the mining activity of the past twenty-four hours, combined with a bombardment on both sides in the Loos sector, where we exploded two mines and the enemy one. Our mines are believed to have been fired with good effect against a hostile gallery where work was in progress. A hostile mine destroyed a short length of our trenches. We occupied the crater.

Last night in the same sector our troops surprised and hurled bombs at a large hostile working body and inflicted numerous casualties. Artillery and trench mortar activity have taken place about Anters and Vimy. Otherwise the day passed quietly.

## GERMAN FLIERS BUSY.

Drop Bombs on Bergen, Near Dunkirk, and Near Verdun.

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# RAID TURKS SUEZ CANAL.

British Lose Three Aircos Out of Eleven in Attack.

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LONDON, June 20.—An air raid on the aerodrome and Turkish camps at El Arish, a seaport ninety miles east of the Suez Canal, has been carried out by eleven British aeroplanes, according to an official statement issued by the War Office today.

Considerable damage was done, it is stated, but three of the British aeroplanes were lost.

The official statement is as follows:

Eleven British aeroplanes raided an enemy aerodrome at El Arish, destroying two aeroplanes and their occupants. Two hangars were set on fire and destroyed and four others were attacked with bombs. Enemy camps and troops were also raided. Three British aeroplanes were lost, some of the occupants being saved.

## Brokers Give \$9,000 for War Relief.

H. H. Montgomery, chairman of the committee of Stock Exchange members who are campaigning for \$30,000 to send fifteen ambulances to the French, Red Cross, yesterday announced that \$9,000 had been collected in seven days. The committee has added J. M. Joseph and Arthur M. Hess to its membership.

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